

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

DECEMBER 3, 2013

The Enterprise Zone (EZ) Program stimulates economic growth in economically distressed areas throughout the State of California by generating new private sector investment and growth. The State provides performance-based tax credits and incentives to EZ businesses to, among other goals: promote “Smart Growth” by revitalizing chronically deteriorated areas; hire the most difficult-to-hire residents in private sector jobs; and retain, expand and reward businesses that participate in these objectives.

The City of Santa Clarita administers the Employee Hiring Tax Credit for both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley EZ. For a business to access this State tax credit, it must be located within the EZ and hire eligible employees, which are identified under a number of categories established by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Targeted Employment Area (TEA) category requires that an employee live within the boundaries of the designated TEA.

Although the State is discontinuing the EZ program, HCD requires an updated TEA, approved by Resolution, so businesses can qualify their employees for inclusion in the EZ Program before the December 31, 2014 sunset date.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Approve the attached Resolution, which authorizes that the identified census tracts be designated as a TEA for the Santa Clarita Valley EZ.
2. Find that approval of the Resolution is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA.

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**I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

Authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission, or his designee, to work with the City of Santa Clarita to submit the Resolution, and all required documents, to HCD to establish the TEA for the Santa Clarita Valley EZ; and to make any administrative changes to the supporting documents, including but not limited to adding or removing TEA census tracts, as needed, to comply with HCD requirements.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A TARGETED
EMPLOYMENT AREA APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
APPROVING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
ENTERPRISE ZONE TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Housing & Community Development oversees an Enterprise Zone Program, the goal of which is to stimulate growth in economically depressed areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) and the City of Santa Clarita jointly applied for, and effective January 1, 2001, were awarded a 15-year Enterprise Zone Designation for the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, Section 7072(i) of the Government Code allows for the designation of Targeted Employment Areas (TEA) to encourage businesses in an Enterprise Zone to hire eligible residents from census tracts that have at least 51 percent of residents with low or moderate-income levels; and

WHEREAS, Section 7072 4(A) requires that within 180 days of updated United States census data becoming available, each local governmental entity of each city, county, or city and county that has jurisdiction over an Enterprise Zone shall approve, by resolution or ordinance, boundaries of its TEA reflecting the new census data; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita administers the County portions of the Santa Clarita Valley Enterprise Zone on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, unincorporated County residents residing within a designated TEA can benefit from a TEA designation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the boundary of the proposed TEA as identified by Census Tracts: 9200.31, 9200.37, 9200.38, 9203.36, and 9203.37.
3. The Board finds that the application area satisfies the requirements set forth in Section 7072(i) of the Government Code and that designation of the application area as a TEA is necessary in order to encourage businesses in the Enterprise Zone to hire eligible residents from these geographic areas.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John F. Krattli
County Counsel

By 
Deputy

ATTEST:

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy